

The public trust AEC includes:

- ! all water of the Atlantic Ocean and the lands thereunder from the mean high water mark to the seaward limit of State jurisdiction;
- ! all other bodies of water subject to lunar tides (and the lands thereunder) below the mean high water level;
- ! all waters in artificially created bodies of water containing significant public fishing resources or other resources which are accessible to the public by navigation from bodies of water in which the public has rights of navigation; and,
- ! all waters in artificially created bodies of water in which the public has acquired rights by prescription, custom, usage, dedication, or any other means. In Kill Devil Hills, the public trust AEC covers the waters and submerged lands of the Atlantic Ocean, Buzzard Bay, and Kitty Hawk Bay.

The estuarine shorelines AEC covers non-ocean shorelines, which are typically subject to erosion, flooding, and other adverse effects of wind and water. Although estuarine shorelines are typically dry land, their proximity to estuarine waters cause them to be considered as connected to the estuary. Development along the estuarine shorelines can have a strong effect on the quality of estuarine waters, coastal wetlands, and their ability to sustain their economic and biological productivity. As defined by the CRC, the estuarine shorelines AEC extends from the mean high water level (or normal water level) along the estuarine waters AEC to a line 75 feet landward. In Kill Devil Hills, the estuarine shoreline AEC includes the entire shoreline along Buzzard Bay and Kitty Hawk Bay.

#### Ocean Hazard AEC's

The Atlantic Ocean shoreline is periodically subjected to erosion and other adverse effects of wind and water. Ocean Hazard AEC's include beaches, frontal dunes, inlet